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Sir:

**REQUEST**

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm receipt and acceptance of the drawings filed on July 29, 2002, or otherwise provide specific objection or rejection of the same. A similar request was made on November 2, 2004 and June 21, 2005.

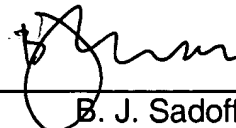
The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of October 7, 2005, however, as the above indicated item has not been acknowledged by the Patent Office to date, the applicants believe it timely to make such a request at the present time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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